Offers from NRIs to set up Food Processing Units

2366. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received offers from Non-Resident Indians to set up food processing units in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several hurdles are being faced by them for setting up food processing units in the country; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to remove the hurdles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information available with this Ministry, one proposal for setting up of 100 per cent EOU for manufacture of pickles and food spices in Gujarat has been received from NRIs recently. Besides, 6 applications for manufacture of beer, 2 applications for manufacture of alcohol, one proposal for manufacture of snack foods and non-alcoholic beverages base and one application for setting up of Chicken Processing plant in the different parts of the country have also been received from NRIs recently.

(c) This Ministry does not foresee any hurdles being faced by the NRIs for setting up of Food Processing units in the country.

(d) Does not arise.

Bottling units Pepsi Soft Drinks

2367. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bottling units which have been given only provisional approval to manufacture Pepsi Soft Drinks under the Fruit Products Order by F and VP Directorate;

(b) the reasons for giving provisional approval;

(c) whether Government have turned down Pepsi Foods' request for permission to manufacture their soft drinks in 500 ml, 1 litre packaging; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Food Technology Research Institute at Bhopal

2368. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish a Central Food Technology Research Institute at Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) 1. Central Food Technology Research Institute, Mysore has already established a Regional Centre at Nagpur to meet the need of central part of the country on various aspects of food technology.